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BRANFORD TRAIL:

PISGAH BROOK

Branford, CT

The 28-mile Branford Trail is a unique trail that borders a majority of the town's perimeter. The white circle blazed trail passes through the shoreline, wetlands, many town parks, northerly woodlands, and many Branford Land Trust properties. The trail is separated into eight sections that begins and ends at a public road with space for parking. Every home in Branford is within 15-minutes walking time of a trail. The entire Branford trail is best walked in a counter-clockwise direction.

This 3.4 mile section of the Branford Trail features the Pisgah Brook and travels along the northern boundary of Branford through the Pisgah Brook Preserve. Walk east on Northford Road and then follow the

trail northward into the woods. The trail crosses the Linley Lake outlet stream. Linley Lake (also known as Linley Pond) famous in the field of ecology for the studies done there from the 1930s until the late 1970s by the noted Yale biologist George Evelyn Hutchinson.

The trail then follows Pisgah Brook upstream from Linley Lake through an important wetland watershed area and a unique resource for a town of Branford's population. The trail continues all the way to Brushy Plain Road and crosses the road to end at Lidy-hites Pond. The pond is owned by Yale University and used for ecological studies. The trail stops at a stone wall (and yellow blazing) which signifies the start of the Regional Water Authority's property.

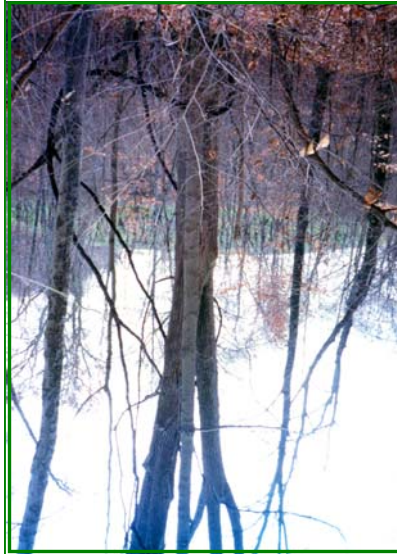


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The next portion of the Branford Trail is the RWA's Lake Saltonstall property. Access for this part of the Branford Trail is for RWA permit holders only. Alternatively, hikers can walk down Hosley Road. This is a 3 miles stretch between wetland areas to West Main Street (Route 1).

Directions and Parking:

Parking for this portion of the Branford Trail is either on Northford Road or Brook Hills Road.

Permitted Activities:

This trail is for hiking only. When adjacent to private property please respect resident's privacy. Dogs are permitted on leash. Please bag and pick up all dog waste.

For more information about this location, contact:

Town of Branford
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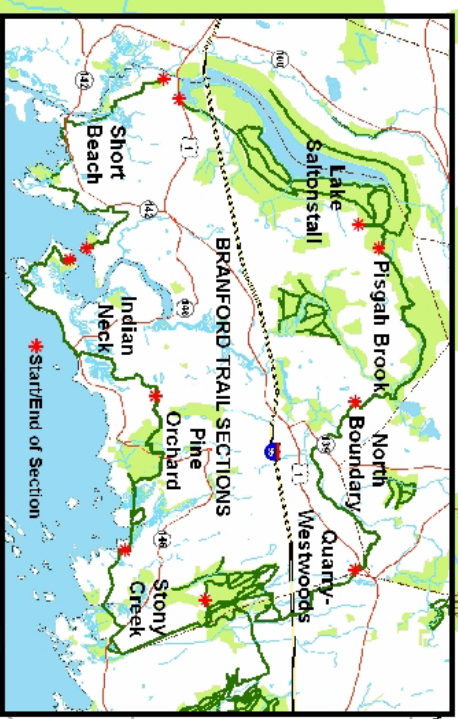
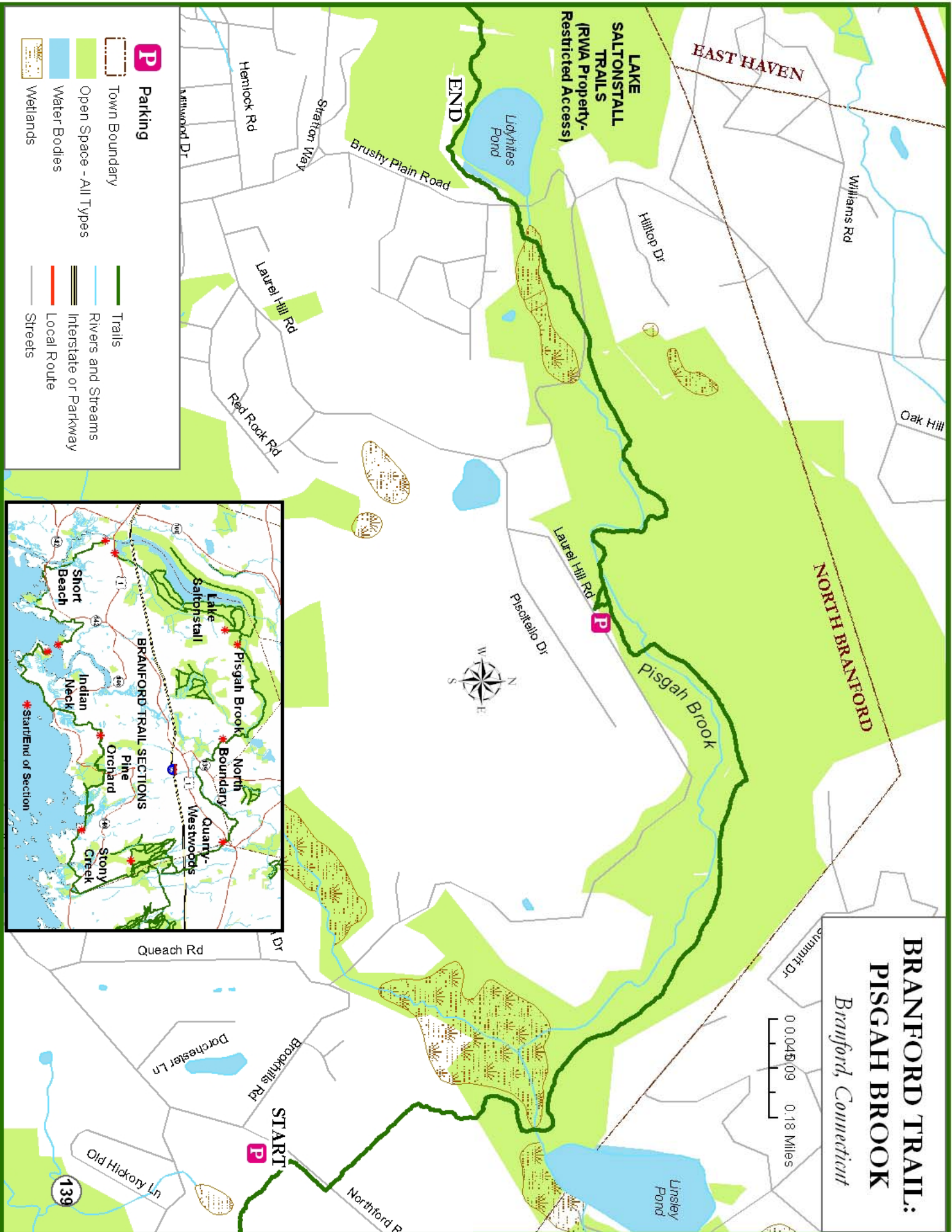
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